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SUBJECT: 54 INDICTED BY EMERGENCY COURT MARTIAL

1. THE PROSECUTION DIVISION, EMERGENCY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL, ANNOUNCED MAY 27 INDICTMENT OF FIFTY-FOUR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH AND STUDENTS (NFDYS), CHARGING THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH A COMMUNIST REGIME. THOSE INDICTED HAVE VARIOUSLY BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF EMERGENCY MEASURES #1 AND #4, THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW, THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND TWO SECTIONS OF THE CRIMINAL CODE.

2. FORMELY CONVICTED LEFTISTS SO TO-WON AND TO YE-CHONG WERE NAMED AS BEHIND THE SCENES LEADERS OF AN APRIL 3 PLOT TO RIOT, OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND SET UP A "TEN MAN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP" AS AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. STUDENT LEADERS YO CHONG-NAM, YI CHOL AND YU IN-TAE, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WERE THE WORKING LEVEL LEADERS OF THE PLOT, WHICH BROUGHT FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, DISSATISFIED STUDENTS, CHURCHMEN AND CHRISTIAN STUDENTS INTO THE NFDYS IN ORDER TO STAGE A SIMULTANEOUS NATION WIDE UPRISING ON APRIL 3.

3. CATHOLIC POET KIM CHI-HA, CHUNGANG ILBO EDITORIAL WRITER

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YU KUN-IL AND A NUMBER OF OTHER NON-STUDENTS, MOST OF WHOM HAD

ALLEGED ASSOCIATION WITH THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OR OTHER LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS, WERE INDICTED. THE TWO ARRESTED JAPANESE, TACHIKAWA AND HAYAKAWA, ARE ALSO AMONG THOSE INDICTED. THE PROSECUTION CHARGES THAT THEY PROMISED STUDENT LEADERS ARMS FROM NORTH KOREA TO USE IN THE REVOLT, GAVE FUNDS TO THE NFDYS, AND CONTACTED DISAFFECTED CHRISTIAN STUDENTS IN THE ROK.

4. THE PROSECUTION ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE INVESTIGATION 1,024 SUSPECTS WERE INTERROGATED, 243 WERE SENT TO THE MILITARY COURT PROSECUTOR FOR INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, AND FROM THESE SUSPECTS A TOTAL OF FIFTY-FOUR WERE INDICTED.
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